

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the instant application.

1-20. **(Canceled)**

21. **(Original)** An isolated polypeptide fragment of the 350 amino acid Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-2 polypeptide shown in SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said fragment retains the amino acid sequence comprising the conserved eight cysteine residues at positions 38, 80, 116 and 118 of SEQ ID NO:4 and migrates on a SDS-PAGE gel at a molecular weight of about 21 kDa.

22. **(Original)** The polypeptide fragment of claim 21, which promotes angiogenesis.

23. **(Original)** The polypeptide fragment of claim 21, which promotes endothelialization.

24. **(Original)** The polypeptide fragment of claim 21, which promotes vascularization.

25-31. **(Canceled)**

32. **(Currently Amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to ~~a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) amino acids 1 to 419 of SEQ ID NO:18; (b) amino acids 2 to 419 of SEQ ID NO:18; and (c) amino acids 47 to 419 of SEQ ID NO:18,~~ wherein the polypeptide proliferates endothelial cells.

33-35. **(Canceled)**

36. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated polypeptide of claim ~~[[33]]~~32, wherein the amino acid residues from 154 to 167 of SEQ ID NO:18 are conserved.

37-38. **(Canceled)**

39. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated polypeptide of claim ~~[[36]]~~32, wherein the Cys residues at positions 131, 173, 209 and 211 of SEQ ID NO:18 are conserved.

40-41. **(Canceled)**

42. **(Original)** An isolated polypeptide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) amino acids 1 to 419 of SEQ ID NO: 18; (b) amino acids 2 to 419 of SEQ ID NO: 18; and (c) amino acids 47 to 419 of SEQ ID NO: 18.

43. **(Original)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 42, wherein said member is (a).

44. **(Original)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 42, wherein said member is (b).

45. **(Original)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 42, wherein said member is (c).

46. **(Canceled)**

47. **(Original)** An isolated polypeptide comprising amino acids 1-396 in SEQ ID NO:2.

48. **(Currently Amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to ~~a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) amino acids 24 to 326 of SEQ ID NO:4; (b) amino acids 23 to 326 of SEQ ID NO:4; (c) amino acids 1 to 326 of SEQ ID NO:4; (d) amino acids 24 to 290 of SEQ ID NO:4; (e) amino acids 23 to 290 of SEQ ID NO:4; and (f) amino acids 1 to 290 of SEQ ID NO:4,~~ wherein the polypeptide proliferates endothelial cells.

49-54. **(Canceled)**

55. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated polypeptide of claim [[49]]48, wherein the amino acid residues from 61 to 74 of SEQ ID NO:4 are conserved.

56-60. **(Canceled)**

61. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated polypeptide of claim [[55]]48, wherein the Cys residues at positions 38, 80, 116 and 118 of SEQ ID NO:4 are conserved.

62-66. **(Canceled)**

67. **(Original)** An isolated polypeptide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) amino acids -24 to 326 of SEQ ID NO:4; (b) amino acids -23 to 326 of SEQ ID NO:4; (c) amino acids 1 to 326 of SEQ ID NO:4; ~~(d) amino acids -24 to 290 of SEQ ID NO:4; (e) amino acids -23 to 290 of SEQ ID NO:4; and (f) amino acids 1 to 290 of SEQ ID NO:4.~~

68. **(Original)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 67, wherein said member is (a).

69. **(Original)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 67, wherein said member is (b).

70. **(Original)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 67, wherein said member is (c).

71-74. **(Canceled)**

75. **(Original)** A vector containing the polynucleotide of claim 74.

76. **(Original)** A host cell containing the vector of claim 75.

77. **(Currently Amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

~~(a) amino acids -23 to 396 of SEQ ID NO:2;~~

- ~~(b) amino acids 22 to 396 of SEQ ID NO:2;~~
  - ~~(c) amino acids 1 to 396 of SEQ ID NO:2;~~
  - ~~(d) the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97149;~~
  - (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75698;
  - (b) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75698;
  - (c) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75698;
  - ~~(e)(d)~~ the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97149; and
  - ~~(f)(e)~~ the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97149,
- wherein the polypeptide proliferates endothelial cells.

78. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 77, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to (a).

79. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 77, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to (b).

80. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 77, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to (c).

81. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 77, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to (d).

82. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 77, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to (e).

83. **(Canceled)**

84. **(Currently Amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) ~~amino acids 23 to 396 of SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- (b) ~~amino acids 22 to 396 of SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- (e) ~~amino acids 1 to 396 of SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- (a) the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No.75698;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75698;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75698;
- (d) the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97149;
- (e) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97149; and
- (f) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97149.

85. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 84, wherein the amino acid sequence is (a).

86. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 84, wherein the amino acid sequence is (b).

87. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 84, wherein the amino acid sequence is (c).

88. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 84, wherein the amino acid sequence is (d).
89. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 84, wherein the amino acid sequence is (e).
90. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of claim 84, wherein the amino acid sequence is (f).
91. **(New)** A fusion protein comprising the isolated protein of claim 21 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
92. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 21 comprising a homodimer.
93. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 21 which is glycosylated.
94. **(New)** A fusion protein comprising the isolated protein of claim 32 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
95. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 32 comprising a homodimer.
96. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 32 which is glycosylated.
97. **(New)** A fusion protein comprising the isolated protein of claim 42 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
98. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 42 comprising a homodimer.
99. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 42 which is glycosylated.
100. **(New)** A fusion protein comprising the isolated protein of claim 47 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

101. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 47 comprising a homodimer.
102. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 47 which is glycosylated.
103. **(New)** A fusion protein comprising the isolated protein of claim 48 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
104. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 48 comprising a homodimer.
105. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 48 which is glycosylated.
106. **(New)** A fusion protein comprising the isolated protein of claim 67 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
107. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 67 comprising a homodimer.
108. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 67 which is glycosylated.
109. **(New)** A fusion protein comprising the isolated protein of claim 77 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
110. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 77 comprising a homodimer.
111. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 77 which is glycosylated.
112. **(New)** A fusion protein comprising the isolated protein of claim 84 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
113. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 84 comprising a homodimer.
114. **(New)** The isolated protein of claim 84 which is glycosylated.